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Conſtantinople, Auguſt 16.

COUNT Virmont, the Imperial Ambaſſadour, having been informed in his Journey hither, that contagious Diſtempers were riſe in this City and the adjacent Suburbs, did not think proper to go directly to Pera to the Houſe fitted up there for his Reception; and therefore diſpatched to the Ottoman Court M. Dirling, Secretary to the Imperial Embaſſy, and M. Theils Imperial Interpreter, to deſire that ſome healthful Place without the City might be aſſigned him; accordingly the Court gave Orders to prepare Tents for him in two Gardens, lying three Miles Diſtant from the City Walls. On the 31ſt of July his Excellency arrived in this Neighbourhood with his Retinue, coming laſt from Ponte Grande, and encamped under his Tents as uſual. His Excellency was met in his March near Ponte Piccolo by an Interpreter, ſent by the Deputies of the Republick of Raguſa reſiding at the Ottoman Court, who complimented him on their Part, and aſſured him of the Republick's Eſteem and Reſpect for his Imperial Majeſty; for which Compliment the Ambaſſadour returned them Thanks in a very obliging Manner. Immediately after the Ambaſſadour's Arrival in this Neighbourhood, he ſent Major Baron Seebach, Marſhal of the Embaſſy, to compliment the Grand Vizier, and to acquaint him with his Excellency's Arrival. On the firſt of Auguſt the Grand Vizier ſent the Interpreter of the Ottoman Court, and a little while after, to ſhew his particular Eſteem for the Ambaſſadour's Perſon, an Aga (which was never done to any before him) to return the Compliment, and to preſent him with Sweet-Meats and Fruits. That Day his Excellency ſent to notify his Arrival to the Foreign Miniſters, viz. Baron Locher de Lindenheim to Mr. Stanian, Miniſter of Great Britain; Baron Studenitz to the Marqueſs de Bonac Miniſter of France; and M. Wetſtein to Count Collier, Miniſter of the States General; who all returned him their Compliments. On the 2d the Ottoman Court ſent to deſire his Excellency to take his Audience of the Grand Seignior during their *Ramazan*, and to be pleaſed to be preſent at the Diſtribution of Pay to the Janizaries. To which his Excellency readily conſenting, he gave Orders, notwithſtanding the Shortneſs of Time, to prepare for his Entry. On the 3d his ſolemn Entry into Conſtantinople was made. That Morning at Five a-Clock arrived at the Ambaſſadour's Tents a great Number of Horſes finely furniſhed, out of the Grand Signior's Stables, for the Service of his Excellency, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Officers of his Retinue. At Seven a-Clock arrived there the chief Interpreter of the Ottoman Court, with a Compliment from the Grand Vizier; and ſoon after the Signal was given by Sound of Trumpet to mount. The March to the City was perform'd with the ſame Splendour, and in the ſame Order as was repreſented on the 25th of April laſt at Vienna, when the Ambaſſadour went to his Audience of Leave of the Emperour, except that there were ſix Coaches more with fine Sets of Horſes. Half Way from the City they were met by the Chiaus Baſhaw, with two Generals of the Cavalry, and a great Number of Chief Officers, who received the Ambaſſadour, and marched before him on Horſeback. A Mile from the City they ſtopped at a Seat belonging to the Grand Seignior, where an Entertainment was prepared for the Ambaſſadour and his Retinue, his Excellency being ſerved by the Grand Vizier's Pages, which is an Honour unuſual on ſuch Occaſions. An Hour and a half after they proceeded, in the ſame Order, with Colours flying, with the Muſick of Hoboys, Trumpets, and Kettle-Drums, and Drums beating, the Imperial Grenadiers carrying their Fire-Arms ſhouldered, and the Officers having their Bayonets fixed to the Muzzles of their Pieces: They paſſed through great part of the City, the Janizaries with their Officers being ranged on both Sides of the Streets. The Grand Signior himſelf and the Grand Vizier came incognito to ſee the March, which for its Pomp and Magnificence, particularly with regard to the Habits of the Ambaſſadour's Retinue, was univerſally admired by the Inhabitants both Turks and others. On the 5th the Imperial Ambaſſadour went to pay his Viſit to the Grand Vizier, in the ſame Order which had been obſerved at his Entry, except that the Trumpets, Kettle-Drums, Hoboys, and Colours were left behind, as being unuſual in the like Viſits. The Ambaſſadour's Grenadiers were left to Guard his Tents, and his Excellency was attended only by his Heidukes, with their Scimitars by their Sides, and their Maces in their Hands: His Excellency was mounted on a Horſe which had been ſent him by the Grand Vizier; he entered the furthermoſt Court of the Grand Vizier's Palace, and alighted at the Door of his Apartment. The Emperour's Letter to the Grand Vizier was delivered to him by Count Bathian, and that of Prince Eugene by Captain Osbchlewitz. The Grand Vizier preſented the Ambaſſadour with a Robe lined with Sables, beſides the Horſe which he had mounted, an Honour not uſual in Viſits of other Ambaſſadours: The Gentlemen of his Retinue were preſented with Caſtans, or Turkiſh Veſts. The 8th of Auguſt being fixed for the Ambaſſadour's Audience of the Sultan, the Ceremonies of which are ſo many that they take up a long time, the Proceſſion began two Hours before Sun-riſe by the Light of Flambeaux. The Ambaſſadour ſate in a Coach, dreſſed in a rich Habit of State, attended by his Heidukes on both ſides. He was received by the Chiaus Baſhaw at the City Gate, where he mounted on Horſeback, and was conducted to the Seraglio: The Ambaſſadour's Retinue alighted in the firſt Court, as did his Excellency at the Gate of the innermoſt Court; from thence he went to the Hall of the Divan, where all his Retinue was admitted, the Heidukes and Footmen excepted. Upon his entring the Hall, the Grand Vizier roſe from his Seat, which was placed fronting the Door, and covered with ſilk Tapeſtry; on his Right at three or four Paces Diſtance ſat the Captain Paſhaw or Admiral, and on the Left likewiſe at ſome Diſtance, the two Cadileſquers, or chief Judges of Anatolia and Romelia. A Chair covered with Scarlet Cloath, laced with Gold, being brought for the Ambaſſadour, he ſat down, and heard a Law-ſuit determined. He afterwards ſat down on a Bench covered with Cloth, on the Right Hand of the Grand Vizier, over-againſt which ſat 3 Teſterdars or Treaſurers, and behind them the Reis Effendi or Secretary of State, Mehemet Effendi, the 2d Plenipotentiary at the Treaty of Paſſarowitz, with ſeveral other Effendis and Officers. Then Notice was given to the Grand Vizier, that an Order in Writing from the Grand Seignior, directed to him for paying the Janizaries, was coming; at which he immediately roſe and went to meet it without the Divan, kiſſing it with Marks of great Veneration; he ordered the Money deſigned for that Payment to be brought into the Hall of the Divan, which was done accordingly, and it was laid down in order on the Floor in 2400 Purſes. Then the Janizaries were called and received their Money at the Door in the Order contained in a written Liſt, which was read aloud. After them the Spahis or Horſe, received their Pay, as did alſo the Gunners and other Soldiers, which took up about three Hours Time, during which the Grand Vizier invited the Ambaſſadour to an Entertainment prepared for him; but the Strictneſs of the Turkiſh Law not permitting the former to taſte of any thing, by reaſon of their Faſt, the Ambaſſadour excuſed himſelf alſo; being unwilling to ſit at Table by himſelf, and chuſing rather to be a Spectator of the ſaid Ceremony of paying the Forces; but his Retinue were conducted to an Entertainment prepared for them in another Room. The Payment of the Forces being over, the Ambaſſadour was conducted into a Court, where a great Number of the Chief Miniſters and Officers of the Court attended, as likewiſe all the Janizaries; there his Excellency had a Robe of Sables put about him, as uſual, and above 100 Caftans were given to his Retinue. A while after the Grand Vizier was ſent for by the Sultan, and ſoon returned

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